

Remarks:

1. The Examiner has indicated that claim 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
Appropriately, applicants have cancelled claim 8 and added the limitation of claim 8 to base claim 1, resulting in an allowable claim 1.
2. Claims 2-7 depend from claim 1 and should now be in condition for allowance.
3. Applicants have also added the limitation of a frusto-conical shaped valve seat to independent claim 9 and dependent claim 11, thereby resulting in an allowable claim 9.
4. Claims 10-15 depend from claim 9 and are therefore in condition for allowance.
5. Applicants have added the limitation of a frusto-conical shaped valve seat to independent claim 16, thereby resulting in an allowable claim.
6. Claims 17-20 depend from claim 16 and are therefore in condition for allowance.

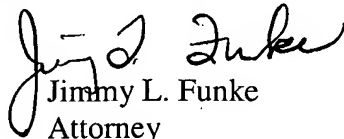
Applicants thank the examiner for the thorough examination and believe that all claims as now presented are in condition for allowance.

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Although no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit

Account No. 50-0831 for any fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

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